

House Resolution 1479

By: Representatives Hugley of the 133rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Smith of the 131st, Buckner of the 130th, and Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mrs. Robena Juliatt Gaines Flakes as the recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman
2 of Courage Award; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Robena Juliatt Gaines Flakes is the recipient of the Rosa Parks Woman
4 of Courage Award from Sisters, Inc., of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Flakes was born in Phenix City, Alabama, the oldest of eight children born
6 to Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Gaines, and she is a descendant of John Wesley Gains, the founder
7 of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, she attended Fifth Avenue School and Radcliff School in Columbus, Georgia,
9 and graduated from South Girard High School in Phenix City, Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, she studied early childhood education at Morris Brown College and Columbus
11 State University and has also attended the Americus Baptist Theology College at Friendship
12 Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Flakes was a business owner in North Phenix City for 15 years and
14 employed with the Muscogee County School System at Reese Road Elementary School for
15 eight years; and

16 WHEREAS, she has always had a deep passion for the welfare of children and that passion
17 drove her to establish the Fourth Street Day Care Center in Columbus, Georgia, and from
18 1993 until 2005, she served as its director; and

19 WHEREAS, under her directorship the center grew from serving 56 children to serving 150
20 children, and it is the first day care center to receive the Center of Distinction Award from
21 the State of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, since her retirement as director, she has served as consultant for the center; and

2 WHEREAS, she is married to the Reverend Dr. J.H. Flakes, Sr., pastor at Fourth Street
3 Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, and they have three children and three grandchildren;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this remarkable
6 and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the members of this body commend Mrs. Robena Juliatt Gaines Flakes for her many years
9 of unselfish and dedicated public service, congratulate her on being selected to receive the
10 Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award from Sisters, Inc., of the Alpha Kappa Alpha
11 Sorority, Inc., and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success and
12 happiness.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Robena Juliatt Gaines
15 Flakes.